

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: Package Assembly and Machine and
Method for Manufacture Thereof

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended, clean versions of the indicated claims :

Claim 1(original): A machine to produce a package assembly including a flexible strip to which there is attached a plurality of closed bags having end seal areas, the bags being delivered to the machine in an attached configuration connected at the end seal areas, said machine including:

a jaw assembly including a pair of movable opposing jaws that are caused to move to engage the strip and bags located there between to secure the bags to the strip at a one of the end seal areas;

a strip delivery mechanism to deliver the strip to the jaws;

a drive assembly to cause movement of the jaws; and